

Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining 2016 Legislative Session

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ENERGY/MINERAL BILLS

SB 17-S2	Revenue and Taxation Amendments	Sen. Van Tassell	Clarifies the oil and gas severance tax formula re deductions after 1/2015 Supreme Court decision and subsequent Tax Comm. actions. UPA agreed with DOGM amendment on 11/2/15.	12/16: Bill numbered/public 2/16: Senate passed.
SB 102	High Cost Infrastructure Tax Credit Amendments	Sen. Okerlund	Amends the 2015 tax credit provisions, including the criteria and the amount of the credit. Credit includes mining and manufacturing projects plus a refinery producing low-sulfur gasoline.	1/27: Bill numbered/public 2/1: Senate Comm passed
SB 118	Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project	Sen. Van Tassell	Modifies the expenditure purposes of the Infrastructure & Econ. Diversification Investment Account (portion of severance tax monies) to include an appropriation for USU air quality research.	2/1: Bill numbered/public 2/4: Senate Comm passed
*SB 134	Oil & Gas Conservation Account Amendment	Sen. Okerlund	Increases the "cap" of \$750,000 on the O&G Conservation Account to 100% of the annual conservation fee appropriation.	2/3: Bill numbered/public. 2/8: Senate Comm passed
SB 159	Severance Tax Exemption Extension	Sen. Van Tassell	Extends for 10 years the severance tax exemption for oil shale, oil sands, and coal-to-liquids in Title 59.	2/12: Bill numbered/public 2/19: Senate Comm passed
SB 200	Compensatory Mitigation Program for Sage Grouse	Sen. Van Tassell	Creates the Sage Grouse Compensatory Mitigation Program in DNR. Bill allows "mitigation credit" generation, selling, and purchasing, and creates a system for tracking mitigation credits. A person may use a mitigation credit to permanently disturb sage-grouse habitat.	2/19: Bill numbered/public
HB 140	Public Utilities & Technology Committee Name Change	Rep. Handy	Adds "Energy" to the Interim Committee title, so new name will be the Public Utilities, Energy & Technology Interim Comm. Note: SR1 by Hinkins makes the same change for the standing committee.	1/13: Bill numbered/public 2/11: House passed 2/18: Senate Comm passed
HB 180	Sales & Use Tax Exemption Amends	Rep. Wilson	Repeals the "3-year economic life" requirement for machinery for the exemption, and amends the exemption on materials used in the process of production including certain mining materials.	1/22: Bill numbered/public 1/29: House Comm passed. 2/11: House circled.

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HB 219	Resource Management Planning	Rep. Stratton	Updates the 2015 bill requirement for counties to prepare Resource Mgmt Plans, including application only to public lands, an extension of the due date from 7/1/16 to 5/1/17, and other items.	1/27: Bill numbered/public
*HB 276-S1	Public Land Management Act	Rep. Noel	Creates the Division of Public Lands within DNR, subsequent to a minimum of 100,000 acres of public land transfer to the state, excluding SITLA exchanges. Substitute requires DOGM report to Commission for Stewardship of Public Lands by 10/16 on how state shall deal with oil, gas & mining issues in Public Land Transfer Act.	2/4: Bill numbered/public 2/19: House Comm passed
HCR 1	Concurrent Resolution on Waters of the United States	Rep. Noel	Expresses disapproval of the expansion of the term “waters of the United States” and supports AG to vacate this expansive rule.	2/3: House passed 2/18: Senate passed
HCR 8-S1	Concurrent Resolution on Bonneville Salt Flats International Speedway	Rep. Handy	Calls attention to the Bonneville Salt Flats Speedway deterioration and urges BLM to restore the flats to safe high-speed racing conditions, and develop a plan with participation of racers and Intrepid Potash Wendover.	11/18: NRAE Interim discussed topic w/o a vote. 1/29: Bill numbered/public. 2/19: House Comm passed
HCR 13	Concurrent Resolution Urging Congress to Support Implementation of Utah's Sage-Grouse Conserv. Plan	Rep. Sandall	Urges Congress to support Utah's sage-grouse conservation plan. Requests Congress to provide mechanism for state sage-grouse plans to be implemented on BLM and FS lands, 10-year period of no funding for Interior sage-grouse petition finding, and other items.	2/18: Bill numbered/public.
	Concurrent Resolution on Utah Public Lands	Rep. Stratton		Bill file opened
ADMINISTRATIVE BILLS				
SB 19	Phased Retirement	Sen. Weiler	Allows employee to retire in place under an agreement to work half-time and receive half the normal retirement allowance. No added service credit earned. Employer can approve/deny. Begins 1/1/17.	1/28: Senate passed. 2/10: House passed

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SB 29	Retirement Systems Amends	Sen. Weiler	Annual administrative and technical amendments bill. No substantive benefit changes, per URS.	1/27: Senate passed. 2/10: House passed
SB 37	HR Management Rate Committee	Sen. Weiler	Changes the HR Rate Committee to a majority of customers, with 6 agencies vs. the prior 3. DNR supports customer rate committees.	1/29: Senate passed. 2/10: House passed
SB 48	Board Membership Restrictions	Sen. Escamilla	Governor may not appoint an individual to a state board if the individual held the position of executive director of a department within the previous year.	12/21: Bill numbered/public
SB 52	Rate Committee Modifications	Sen. Hinkins	Changes Dept. of Admin Services Rate Committee to a majority of customers, with change from three to seven executive agencies.	12/21: Bill numbered/public 2/16: Senate passed.
SB 184	Procurement Code Modif.	Sen. Jenkins	Modifies various parts of the Procurement Code with 80 page bill.	2/18: Bill numbered/public
HB 5	Natural Resources, Agric., & Envir. Quality Base Budget	Rep. McKell	Appropriates initial funds for state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.	2/8: House passed 2/9: Senate passed
HB 8	State Agency Fees and Internal Service Fees	Rep. Dee	Authorizes state agency fees and internal service fund rates. (OGM = lines 762 and 5544)	1/26: Bill numbered/public 2/4: House Comm passed.
HB 35	Retirement and Insurance Benefit Claims Amends	Rep. Powell	Modifies the Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act by amending provisions relating to limitations of retirement systems claims and actions. Sets time limits for a person to request a review of a claim for benefits, rights, obligations or employment rights.	1/27: House passed. 2/18: Senate passed
HB 50	Postretirement Reemployment Amendments	Rep. Cunningham	Amends earnings limitation from \$15K to \$20K during first year of postretirement.	11/18: Ret. Interim passed. 12/16: Bill numbered/public
HB 51	Recodification of Post-Retirement Reemployment	Rep. Powell	Reorganizes chapter into 8 sections, to become more readable. No substantive changes per drafter.	12/16: Bill numbered/public 2/18: House passed

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HB 63	Fees for Government Records Requests	Rep. Brian King	GRAMA: provides for de novo review of an appeal of a fee waiver request.	12/21: Bill numbered/public 2/18: House passed
HB 81	Government Employees Insurance Offerings Amends	Rep. Kennedy	PEHP High Deductible Insurance Plan: provides that an employee who desires an HSA, who is not eligible for an employer contribution due to a spouse not having an HSA, may receive that employer contribution in a health reimbursement account.	12/22: Bill numbered/public 2/10: House passed 2/17: Senate Comm passed
HB 86-S1	Postretirement Employment Restrictions	Rep. Cunningham	Provides for only a 60-day separation requirement for <u>all</u> employee groups (state, school, public safety) for restarting employment, and employee must be reemployed by a different agency. Substitute bill adds 5-year sunset.	11/18: Retirement Interim failed to pass this bill. 12/22: Bill numbered/public 2/17: House Comm passed
HB 96-S2	Single Sign-On Business Database	Rep. Cutler	Directs DTS to develop a business database and single sign-on web portal, wherein allows a person doing business in the state to access all relevant state-collected business data about the person, including info on business registration, workers' compensation, tax liability, and occupational health and safety inspections. Not DEQ/DNR yet.	12/22: Bill numbered/public 2/18: House passed
HB 117	Modifications to Postretirement Reemployment	Rep Cunningham	Allows certain retirees to be rehired after a period if the retiree does not receive employer retirement benefits, is reemployed by a different agency; and employer pays the contribution rate in certain circumstances.	1/15: Bill numbered/public
HB 188	Paid Family Leave	Rep Romero	New leave type for 6 weeks granted at time of birth or adoption.	1/25: Bill numbered/public
HB 195	Living Wage Amends	Rep. Hemmingway	Increases public and private employee wage to \$12/hour.	1/25: Bill numbered/public
HB 197-S2	Lobbying by State Agencies Amendments	Rep. Roberts	State agency may not take a public stance on a bill. Prevents state employee from any intent to influence a legislator on a bill.	1/25: Bill numbered/public 2/10: House Comm held.
HB 205	Tier II Retirement Amends	Rep. Cunningham	Increases the employer rate from 10% to 11%, and increases the multiplier from 1.5% to 1.72% starting 7/2017 for 35 year max.	1/27: Bill numbered/public

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HB 251	Post-Employment Restrictions Amendments	Rep. Schultz	Prohibits certain post-employment restrictions and outlines enforcement and penalties.	2/1: Bill numbered/public 2/11: House Comm passed
HB 282	State Contractor Employee Health Coverage Amends	Rep. Dunnigan	Increases the minimum state contract amount for a state contractor to provide employee health insurance for a design and construction contract, and requires the Dept. of Health to post a benchmark plan.	2/3: Bill numbered/public 2/16: House passed
HB 388	State Job Applications Process	Rep. Hollins	Public employer may not require an applicant to disclose a past criminal conviction before an initial interview for employment.	2/18: Bill numbered/public
	Amendments to GRAMA	Rep. Eliason		Bill file opened
	Appropriation Adjustments	Rep. Sanpei		Bill file opened
	Appropriation Amends	Sen. Hillyard		Bill file opened
	Current Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations	Sen. Hillyard		Bill file opened
	Driver Training Revisions	Rep. Spendlove		Bill file opened
	General Transparency Amendments	Sen. Henderson		Bill file opened
	Government Ethics – Post Employment Restrictions	Sen. Dabakis		Bill file opened
	Governmental Immunity Act Amends	Sen. Bramble		Bill file opened

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	Joint Resolution - Potential Interim Study Items	Sen. Okerlund		Bill file opened
	New Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations	Rep. Sanpei		Bill file opened
	Notaries Public Amends	Rep. Hutchings		Bill file opened
	Procurement Code Amendments	Rep. Sanpei		Bill file opened
	Spousal Elective Share Amendments	Sen. Weiler		Bill file opened
	State Agency & Higher Educ. Compensation Appropriation	Sen. J. Stevenson		Bill file opened
	Unmanned Aircraft Amendments	Sen. Harper	Sets limits for use of drones including operating > 500' high, at event > 500 people without permission, airport, emergency situation, and voyeurism. Includes provisions for use by law enforcement and wildland fire. Does not specify other government uses not allowed.	11/18: Govt. Oper. Interim heard bill, but no vote
	Unmanned Aircraft Use Amendments	Rep. Lifferth		Bill file opened
	Workplace Abusive Conduct Amendments	Sen. Jackson		Bill file opened